



The Northern Lights

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Freshman calls in bomb threat on N.C. phone, is apprehended



A common sight: cars backed up on 86th

photo by J. Kaminker

Seniors declared winners in annual Key Club can drive

by Jason Fruits

The Key Club Can Drive was labeled a great success. This year over 23,800 cans were collected by students, with the Senior class winning the competition with 10,500 total cans. Volunteers and club members stayed after school the sixteenth of December and came in early the sev-

enteenth to sort all the cans into packages to be given out to needy families in our township.

Several homeroom classes challenged each other and there were the usual challenges between grade lev-

by Erin Newton

It was a bomb scare that evacuated the school on Friday, December 9 during 8th period.

According to Principal Charles Roach, a freshman dialed 911, claiming to have placed an explosive device in the school. The Marion County Dispatcher then contacted NC security with word of a potential bomb threat.

The decision to evacuate the school "is always a very difficult one to make," reports Roach. The facts surrounding the December 9 incident made the choice even tougher.

The weather outside, the time frame allotted by the caller, and the potential chaos in the lunchroom were all factors going in to Roach's plan of action.

With the lives of thousands in his hands, though, Roach ordered the evacuation of the school. No bomb was found and students then returned to class.

An announcement was made, stating that the authorities had the caller's voice on tape, but would reward \$100 to any student with information leading to the guilty party's capture and conviction.

Soon after this message, several students came forward, giving officials enough facts to arrest the NC freshman responsible for the bomb scare. The call was traced to one of the pay phones in the Student Center.

Roach is not entirely sure of the motive behind the crime. He suggests, though, that the student was playing a practical joke and had no idea of how serious his actions and their consequences were.

In any case, Roach recommends expulsion of the student for the remainder of the year. In the meantime, the teenager will be circulated through the Marion County juvenile court and might be levied some heavy fines.

86th Street repairs continue

by Linda Zynger

As most of us are aware, serious construction is underway on 86th street west of North Central. The street work began approximately one year ago and is supposed to continue throughout much of the 1989 year, although the major road work should be finished by summer.

Among the items on the agenda for 86th street include installing several new plumbing and sewer systems, repairing power lines and street lamps, resurfacing and paving. The major chore at the present time is, of course, widening the road and making smoother turn lanes both onto streets and into shopping areas.

The Department of Transportation reported that the construction of 86th street is a part of a major over-

haul of Indianapolis roads. Completed areas are Keystone north of 86th, 62nd street, and I 70. The department has been continuously repairing roads, but due to the population growth of the city and subsequent excess traffic, it is difficult to keep up with the work.

Gasoline prices have risen and the sales tax has increased to five cents on the dollar mainly because of the huge bill associated with the improvement of our streets. The state government is also helping to fund the major projects, but most of the revenue comes from the city tax payers.

Many business owners along 86th street claim that the construction has interrupted their normal flow of customers, yet most agree that the

rewards when it is completed will be profitable. As of now, they will have to deal with chopped up entrances and exits to their business and the unsightly areas of land surrounding them.

The current construction extends from Castleton to Meridian causing traffic jams during both the morning and evening rush hours. Motorists are aggravated by the confusion, slow travel, and discouraging obstacles that often accompany a major street repair job. As one motorist stated, "Why couldn't they just work at night or something?"

The Department of Transportation says that there are several night shifts working on construction areas, but this is not ideal due to the lack of visibility and expensive manpower.

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Semester Exam Week Schedule

Mon., Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Day, no school.
Tues., Jan. 17: exams period 1 and 3
Wed., Jan. 18: exams period 6/7, 6/8, 7/8, 9
Thurs., Jan. 19: exams period 4/5, 4/6, 5/6, 10
Fri., Jan. 20: Teacher Report Day, no school

Four acts left after cuts

by Laura Galloway

On Tuesday, December 20th, North Central held its 20th annual Junior Spectacular cuts. Among the acts that participated were "Bedtime Tails", "Fly by Night", "It's a Jungle Out There", "Cosmic Chaos", "Satisfaction Guaranteed", and the "Little Act". Each of the acts were granted 10 minutes to perform the beginning of an act which will be completed at Junior Spectacular in February. "Satisfaction Guaranteed" and "Cosmic Chaos" were cut.

Cuts and Jr. Spectacular serve as fund raisers for the junior class

council.

"Bedtime Tails" focused on two rabbits who were in the process of telling their children a bedtime story when four teenage martians crashed their spaceship nearby. "Fly by Night" dealt with a stolen jewel, while "It's a Jungle Out There" explored the plight of a glamorous movie star who was captured by a tribe of cannibals during a movie shoot. "The Little Act", which had the smallest number of participants, a record 6 people, was about an old man on his deathbed.

Editorial



Letter to the editor

Dear Ms. Editor,

At the present time in America, a significant percentage of the population is being discriminated against. I am referring to those young adults who are between the ages of 18 and 21. The ultimate hypocrisy of our society is that these young men and women are old enough to put a leader into the position where he could destroy life as we know it, yet that same voter cannot, legally, have a drink containing alcohol.

These second class citizens have the awesome responsibilities of driving, voting, carrying lethal weapons, and being drafted. Why don't they have the privilege of alcohol consumption?! Did the 60's generation rebel against the establishment to ensure Civil Rights only to find their children being denied a freedom that should be granted to all adults in this great land of ours. I think not.

I believe that the drinking age should be lowered to 18. Is it fair to burden young shoulders with such potentially catastrophic responsibilities while refusing them the simple right to alcohol?

Fondly submitted by,

Blane Sherman



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'88 entertainment in review

by Tanya Marsh

1988 was a contradictory year in entertainment. The music released was excellent but the movies were only so-so. NC movie experts considered this summer's releases to be "fluff films". Actually, they were of such a caliber that I've already forgotten what they were. I was hoping for another Ferris or a Star Wars sequel. No such luck. The Christmas season was a real improvement. "Rain Man", "The Naked Gun" and "Working Girl" are all well worth seeing.

Music was another story altogether. George Michael topped the charts with his "Faith" album which yielded five top ten hits. Def Leppard's "Hysteria" also did quite well in the record stores. While neither album is considered an artistic masterpiece, both are worth listening to. As usual, a large amount of music in 1988 was created simply for pleasure with no new ideas or concepts. But this year several records received high praise from critics as well as consumers. Tracy Chapman's debut album defied all popular myths about what people will listen to. She was the success story of the year, rising from singing a capella on Boston streetcorners to placing a platinum album on the top of Billboard's charts several weeks running. U2's "Rattle and Hum" may not have been a box office success but the soundtrack album has been hailed by critics as the best live album of the year. "Kick" finally gave INXS the prestige and respect they deserve. After years of having their records receiving limited airplay, INXS seized the charts with four top ten hits.

This past year has been good for music but less than stellar for Hollywood. In 1989 Sting, Phil Collins and INXS are set to release new albums to set the pace. All in all, it promises to be a good year.

Getting into college is hard

a satire by Paul Jaskunas

I got to tell you, higher education is a lot of fun. True, I'm still in high school but it's been a blast so far. See, I'm really getting into this admissions business. I mean, it's probably the single most important thing in my life right now. My parents are real proud of me, too. They're happy to see I've got my priorities straight.

There's nothing better than curling up with a copy of Barron's Guide to Colleges on a Saturday night. My girlfriend complains we don't go out enough, but I can't help it. College is cool. I carry Barron's around everywhere with me. When I reach a school with a five-star rating, I get real excited- can't even put the book down, in fact. My parents keep giving me books about college for Christmas.

I figure getting into the best school possible is vital to my future. So I've put a lot of time and energy into it. I sent letters asking for information to about 40 different colleges. Ever since, a steady stream of literature from around the globe has been coming through the mail. The mailman said he was real interested about where I'll end up.

But if all that doesn't work, I still have my big gun: Rick. Rick's my agent, hired to make sure I'm accepted to the college of my choice. The man is a genius. He's put together a marvelous, thirty minute video on me and the more glorious moments of my life. It opens up with home movie clips of me taking creative dance lessons at age three, playing the violin in the fourth grade, and winning my middle school science fair. Then the viewer is walked through my high school career; running for student council treasurer, saying my lines in the school play, close-ups of straight A report cards. The last scene featured me standing atop a hill facing a setting sun, a back-pack slung over my shoulder, gazing into the twilight. Tchaikovsky provided the background music. My parents cried through the whole thing. Harvard's gonna watch that video and say, "Now there's a renaissance man!" But Rick says just in case the video isn't enough, I should take up rowing lessons. All the ivy league schools go crazy for rowers, he said. I must admit, I handle a scull pretty well.

Yes siree, college has been a wonderful experience. I figure I'm a shoe-in at Harvard or any where, for that matter. All I have to say is if, for some reason, I don't get into the college of my choice, I just may threaten to kill myself. Now *that* better get me accepted.

Another thought about education

Dear Patrick Mulry:

In your editorial "A Thought About Education" you said that students of ancient Greece "were taught to think about hypothetical situations and how to weigh the effects of each decision they made." You continued by saying that "today much of school is devoted to pure memorization" and that "students are not taught to think, but merely to remember facts." Very good. But you later stated that students are lazy and do not want to think. To illustrate this point you used Shakespeare's "Macbeth" as an example. This, Mr. Mulry, was your first mistake. How are Banquo's actions going to affect my decision making? Perhaps an even more important question is this: why are we, the students, taught to idolize a plagiarist? And he is insane, to boot.

You said that the problems in our society are due to a lack of thinking rather than a bad societal makeup. This was your second mistake. Try to convince a 12 year-old who makes \$2,000 a day delivering grugs that thinking is more productive. You can not do it. Try to convince a student that he need not mention the interpretations discussed in class on his essay test in order to receive an 'A'. You can not do it. We are taught, both in school and in the real world, that in order to get ahead, we need only do as others want us to do. A society that fosters this "nonthinking" attitude is, in fact, a society of bad makeup. Therefore, before we can learn to think, we need to learn to want to think.

Your third mistake, Mr. Mulry, is the use of Emerson's quote in the last paragraph: "So far as a man thinks, he is free. Thought takes a man out of servitude, into freedom." You must understand why it is hard for me to believe in this. Some of the greatest thinkers were the most powerful minds. Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King were all great thinkers and were all assassinated. If Emerson were alive today, I would challenge him to tell Nelson Mandela that thought takes a man out of servitude and into freedom.

The truth is whether we think or not, we are in servitude. In this light, verbatim regurgitation and rote memorization begins to look a little more appealing. Either we play the game by the rules or we don't play at all. That's what we are taught in school and in the real world. Earnestly, Dawn Corbin

Feature

N.C. Student reunited with parents

by Linda Zynger

Nghi Huynh is currently a freshman at North Central and has recently been featured in a front page Indianapolis Star article. Six years ago she, her little brother, and two of her uncles defected from Viet Nam. One month ago she was reunited with her parents whom she has not seen since she left.

Nghi retold the time when she left with a shaky voice. She remembers being told that she was visiting her grandparents, but after traveling through many cities and finally boarding a boat at 1 a.m., Nghi realized that she might never see her home again.

This eight year old then began a period of world travel before she

finally came here in 1984. Nghi recalls thinking at the time that America was "neat, a real interesting place." She was hurt at not being able to see her old family but she didn't really live with them in Viet Nam. When she was a child she was raised by a nanny and only saw her parents for a few hours a day.

In Indiana, Nghi and her younger brother attended school 70 where she made friends and did well academically. "These classes are much easier than I expected them to be, after I learned to speak English that is," states the freshman. After attending Northview, Nghi came to North Central where she is now meeting new friends and enjoying

herself.

Approximately a month ago, however, her whole life changed. She discovered that her parents were finally coming to visit; they had received the proper permission and would spend a half a year here to travel and see their daughter.

Unfortunately, they also had come for some less joyful experiences, one to see their only son's grave. Nghi's brother was killed walking to school one morning. Nghi remembers it as "all of a sudden a car came up and hit my brother who was standing closer to the street than I." She later found out that the driver of the car who claimed the life of her only sibling here was drunk.

Back in Viet Nam, Nghi has two older sisters who are now enjoying the good life. She envies their lives of yacht parties and shopping sprees but concludes that she would still rather live here in America. She realizes that her parents sent her here to find a better future during the harsh times in Viet Nam but now she sighs, for those problems are long gone.

"In Viet Nam now there are not a lot of problems, but I still would not go back to live," states Nghi. She only wishes that she could have the financial situation that her parents boast of in their home town. The exchange rate, however, causes Vietnamese money to become worth-

less in the states.

Meeting her parents was the best Christmas present in the world, states Nghi, but she had expected her parents to be very different. They were well dressed and wanted to go shopping in Chicago, but they also heard all about their daughter's new life. Nghi wishes that she could have real parents but is also happy that she has had to grow up independently and mature on her own. She is just thankful that she has her friends here in America who she can confide in.

Her parents were not as excited about coming to Indiana as Nghi had hoped they would be. They are currently vacationing in California while their daughter remains at home with her two uncles.

1988: The Year in Review

The Fuzzy Brown Column Looks at the Best and the Worst

by Susie Mattler & Christopher Nimz

AS WE USHER IN 1989, THE FUZZY BROWN COLUMN TAKES A LOOK BACK AT THE EVENTS AND THE BEST AND WORST OF 1988.....

CHRIS: At last the end of 1988!! The year in which Tye-dyes were back in fashion, the Shroud of Turin was proved a fake, the Reagan Administration came to an end, and Noriega became Panama's discount drug dealer.

SUSIE: And we mustn't forget Ben Johnson's Olympic finish, Geraldo versus the "skinheads", Cuba's selection to the UN Commission on Human Rights, and the US and USSR saved two trapped whales in Alaska.

C: Anyway, the abortion pill was created in France, America slept through election day (surprise, surprise), Ed Koch became more ridiculous, and former White House embarrassment, Billy Carter, left this world.

S: The Greenhouse Effect knocked on our door, Elvis was seen at Burger King, the death of the vinal record is coming, and Oprah skipped the twinkie aisle, and lost sixty seven pounds.

C: Albert Goldman went gravedigging for John Lennon, high school students couldn't find France on the

map and dan Quayle couldn't find Vietnam.

S: Remember Bruce Babbit, Paul Simon, Al Gore, and Pierre "Pete" DuPont?

C: Or how about Jack Kemp, Pat Robertson, and Bob Dole?

S: D.J. Jazzy Jeff & the Fresh Prince knew "Parents Just Don't Understand", Sonny Bono got elected mayor in Palm Springs, and Robin Givens tried to KO Mike Tyson.

C: Scientists discovered a hole in the ozone layer about the size of Orson Wells and the Stealth Bomber proved to Americans that you can still buy a frisbee for under six billion dollars.

S: And how could you forget the U.S. Olympic team's excellent performance!!!

C: Michael Dukakis begged America for their votes, George Michael had a "Monkey" on his back, and Jimmy Swaggert sinned with a "Lady of the Evening".

C: And now to get to the premise of these thirty inches....

S: A list the Best and the Worst of 1988!!

BEST MOVIES OF 1988

"A FISH CALLED

W A N D A "

"WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT?"

"RAIN MAN"

"THE NAKED GUN: FROM THE FILES OF POLICE SQUAD"

WORST MOVIES OF 1988

"RAMBO III"

"THEY LIVE"

BEST TELEVISION SHOWS OF 1988

"THE WONDER YEARS"

"ROSEANNE"

"THE TRACY ULLMAN SHOW"

WORST TELEVISION SHOWS OF 1988

"IT'S A DIFFERENT WORLD"

"THE COSBY SHOW"

BEST ALBUMS OF 1988

"TRACY CHAPMAN"-

TRACY CHAPMAN

"KICK"- INXS

"CONCIOUS PARTY"-

ZIGGY MARLEY & THE MELODY MAKERS

WORST ALBUMS OF 1988

"TIFFANY"- TIFFANY

"I SING! I SING!?"- JU-

LIO IGLESIAS"

BEST SINGLES OF 1988

THERE WERE NO CLEAR WINNERS IN THIS CATALOGUE BUT SONGS BY INXS, DEF LEPPARD, U2 AND GEORGE MICHAEL DID COME CLOSE.....

WORST SINGLES OF 1988

"GIRLFRIEND"-

PEBBLES

"I SAW HIM STANDING THERE"- TIFFANY

"

MOST OVERPLAYED SONGS OF 1988

"RED RED WINE"- UB40

"DON'T WORRY BE

HAPPY"- BOBBY MCFERRIN

"POUR SOME SUGAR ON

ME"- DEF LEPPARD

"DO YOU LOVE ME"-

THE CONTOURS

BEST "C" AVERAGE OF 1988

-DAN QUAYLE

NAGGING QUESTION OF 1988

"IS ELVIS ALIVE?"

MOST ANNOYING PEOPLE OF 1988

-MORTON DOWNEY JR.

-GERALDO RIVERA

COUPLE OF 1988

-MIKE TYSON AND ROBIN GIVENS

BEST MINUTE AND A HALVES OF 1988

-MIKE TYSON VS. MICHAEL SPINKS

-MICHAEL DUKAKIS' CHANCE AT THE PRESIDENCY

DISASTERS OF 1988

-1988 OLYMPICS

-1988 UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

WORST ELECTION RESULTS OF 1988

-SONY BONO ELECTED MAYOR

THE WORST OF THE WORST

-ED MEESE

-BEN JOHNSON

-NORIEGA

IF YOU WANT TO ACT ENTHUSIASTIC, BE ENTHUSIASTIC AWARD

-MICHAEL DUKAKIS

-GEORGE BUSH

THE PATRICK T. MULRY AWARD FOR MERITOUS COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL PLAYING

-UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL TEAM

Capital punishment necessary

by Brad Evans

The problem of capital punishment is a hard one, composed of legal rights and moral wrongs. There is far more involved than an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

The argument for those supporting the death penalty is two-fold; it satisfies justice and, more importantly, it saves lives.

Acting as a deterrent, studies executed by Professor Stephen K. Layson, an economist at the University of North Carolina, indicate that every time the death penalty is enacted approximately 18 would-be murders are avoided. He further states that a 1 percent increase in the clearance (arrest) rate of murderers would be followed by 250 fewer murders per year. A 1 percent increase in conviction rate of those arrested would, in his findings, lead to an additional 105 fewer murders.

Presently, however, only 38 percent of all murders result in conviction and .1 percent result in an execution.

In response to other statistics denying his findings, Layson admits that since actual executions have in the past been limited, it is difficult to arrive at exact statistics. Despite the lack of exact evidence, Professor Thorsten Sellin, an opponent of the death penalty, honestly admits that "the preponderance of evidence now does tend to show that capital punishment deters more than alternative punishments."

This tendency becomes more evident when one takes into account the view of the murderers themselves. Statistics show that 99.9 percent of all actual murderers would prefer life imprisonment to death says Ernest Van Den Haag, writer for "National Review." And chances

are that future murderers will share this same view. Van Den Haag feels that it is for this reason that we must impose the death penalty, because "what is feared most, deters most."

In a hypothetical situation proponents of the death penalty were asked to imagine that common sense were wrong and that the number of murders actually rose with each execution. Given this situation the majority believed that, even though continuing the death penalty would continue justice, it would cause the loss of more lives, and therefore they would abandon it.

"Fortunately," says Van Den Haag, "we do not face this dilemma. On the contrary. Capital punishment not only satisfies justice, but is also more likely to save innocent lives."



Death penalty not to be accepted

by Laura Galloway

The United States of America is a country where one's personal freedoms are of the utmost importance. If we, as a country, share the common goal in the criminal justice system to delegate just punishment to offenders of the law, how can we teach these offenders a lesson when we kill them?

In a study done between the years of 1959-1984, the amount of capital punishment cases increased by over 54%. However, during this time period, the crime rate did not fail to escalate in any way what so ever. It has been proven in multiple studies that capital punishment is not a deterrent to crime.

Perhaps the words of Voltaire express the reason why capital punishment should not exist the best. Said Voltaire, "I t hath long since been observed , that a man after he is hanged is good for nothing, and the punishment invented for the good of society ought to be useful to society. It is evident, that a score of stout robbers, condemned for life to some public work, would serve the state in their punishment, and that hanging them is a benefit to nobody but the executioner...The Romans never condemned a citizen to death, unless for crimes which concerned the safety of the STATE.

These our masters, our first legislators, were careful of the blood of their fellow citizens; but we are extravagant with the blood of ours.

In the opposing viewpoints series on capital punishment, the following appeared from the Fellowship of Reconciliation, "The U.S. Supreme Court has noted that there is no conclusive evidence that the death penalty acts as a deterrent. Capitol crimes are often impulsive and unplanned, and neither the presence of the death penalty nor the frequency of the executions have been shown to have any significant effect on homicide rates. It serves no purpose in the effort to control crime,

and must be seen as the most brutal, irrational kind of revenge. In the words of the Michigan Catholic Conference, "It is clear that the root causes of crime lie within society itself, and their effects will not be eliminated by an act of retribution."

Besides the fact that capital punishment does not necessarily serve as a deterrent, justice does not deserve death. The most important purpose of punishment is to restore moral order and the order of justice. David Bruck put it best in The New Republic in 1985. "Perhaps we want retribution on the flesh and bone of a handful of convicted murders so badly that we're willing to close out

eyes to all of the demoralization and danger that come with it. A lot of politicians think so, and they may be right. But if they are, then let's at least look honestly at what we're doing. This lottery of death both comes from and encourages an attitude toward human life that is not reverent, but reckless...Justice does demand that murders be punished. And common sense demands that society be protected from them. But neither justice nor self-preservation demands that we kill men whom we have already imprisoned."

Do you think capital punishment is needed?

Anita Wente,
senior

"I don't believe in capital punishment because I think it is immoral. I feel there are better ways to deal with criminals."

Freddi Stevens-Jacobi,

"This quote by Holly Near reflects my opinion, 'Why do we kill people to show killing people is wrong?'"

Tim Denny,
senior

"I feel capital punishment is good and just because it expedites justice for all involved."

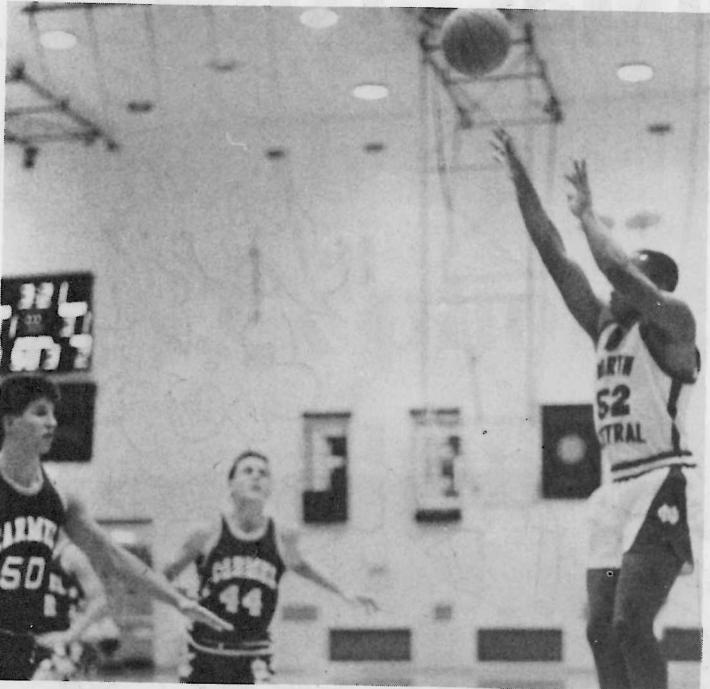
Shannon Hopp,
sophomore

"Capital punishment is morally wrong. There are better ways to punish murderers and rapists."

Sports

Team drops three straight, out of Top 20

Panthers struggle through difficult times



Guard Aaron Shelby drills a shot in competition against Carmel early in the season.

Photo by Josh Kaminker

Young wrestlers gain experience at County

By Jim Birge

As the County Wrestling Tournament came to a close on December 17, North Central's team knew experience would be key of a strong season. Though there were some strong individual performances, many wrestlers felt great strides could be made, once some of the younger team members became accustomed to varsity competition.

A glance at North Central's roster reveals this inexperience. Of the 13 weight classes, NC only fills four with seniors. Of the remaining nine, five are underclassmen and junior Tony Henderson, who hasn't wrestled since his freshman year.

Even Joe Murphy, the head coach, is in his first year at that position after moving up from the assistant spot.

Normally the above statistics would point to the proverbial "rebuilding season." However, NC has managed to have some impressive individual performances at the tourney which could indicate great things for this season. Juniors Pete Dubish and Buddy Lewis both finished third in the 140 and 145 weight classes. Lewis' performance at the tourney is made even more noteworthy considering his loss came to last year's state champion.

But Jarrett Nixon stole the show for NC. He propelled himself all the way

to the finals and could only be stopped by a Beech Grove grappler who went on to become tournament MVP.

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took a dynamic fourth quarter effort from senior forward Tony Barbee to pull them close. Barbee scored 23 points in the quarter, but a late surge by New Albany put the game out of reach for the Panthers.

The Panthers must learn from their losses to improve and get ready for the challenges that lie ahead. This will be a tough challenge, but with a lot of hard work and determination, the team should be in good shape.

NC suffered defeat at the hands of Southport, Tech and New Albany, a top 20 team. The Panthers had several chances to win each of these games but fell short in the fourth quarters.

Coach Steve Coffman stated, "In all three games, late in the game we had a chance to tie and go ahead, but we were not in control of the game. We made too many turnovers."

In the Southport and Tech games, the Panthers stayed close, even in the fourth quarters, but could never quite put it all together. Each of those losses was by fewer than 10 points. In the New Albany game, it

to the finals and could only be stopped by a Beech Grove grappler who went on to become tournament MVP.

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Although the Panthers' lost three straight, NC is by no means done for. The season is far from over, which gives them time to regroup themselves and come out winning. In addition, they have the senior leadership of Barbee and guard Aaron Shelby to help them.

Photo by Brett Henry

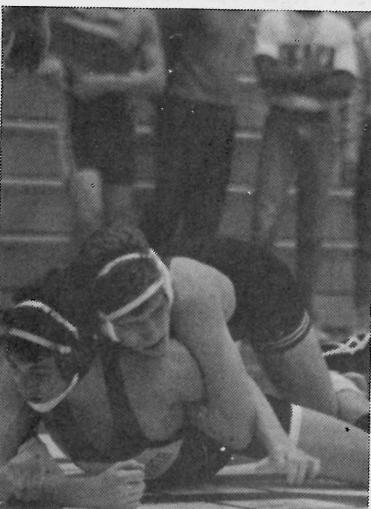
Smith sparks improving hoopsters

By Brett Henry

Yea. Sure. The Hickory Basketball team in the movie "Hoosiers" started out slow due to reasons beyond its control, but the team did come on strong in the end to take the Indiana state championship. The North Central girls' basketball teams' record of 4-7 may indicate that it isn't off to a quick start either, but with all the girls now back from injuries and illnesses, the outlook for the tail end of the season is bright. Second-year coach Chuck Boehlke's Panthers faced a slightly rocky road as leading scorer and senior spark Dionne Smith sat out four contests with bronchial asthma. Her fifteen points and several rebounds a game were sorely missed. Senior Jennifer James is just now coming back from a badly sprained ankle and is expected to greatly help underneath.

The Panthers are looking toward the remainder of the year with high hopes and expectations now that everyone is healthy. "We haven't had everybody together since the first game and have been playing a lot of different people," remarked coach Boehlke. Besides injuries and illnesses, there has also been some experience lacking, which Boehlke says will come with time.

NC is at this moment in a tougher portion of its schedule, which climaxes with sectionals. Student body support would be greatly appreciated at the last home game of the season, Jan. 16 against Roncalli.



Pete Dubish gets the upper hand on a Park Tudor wrestler.

Photo by Ed Yee

The Press Box by Patrick Mulry

1988: Review of a great year in sports

Another year has ended, and what a year 1988 was. With all of the problems in the world last year, sports were relatively clean. Sure, Ben Johnson was on steroids along with some weightlifters at the Olympics, but the sports world was otherwise fairly void of controversy.

There were many things that happened last year. The Lakers won their second straight NBA title, while the Denver Broncos lost their second straight Super Bowl. Who can forget speed skater Dan

Jansen's pained expression when he fell for the second time. An obscure and otherwise terrible ski jumper, Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards became the underdog of the year with his pathetic attempts on the 70 and 90 meter jumps. Unfortunately, the Winter Olympics did not belong to America; the USA did very poorly.

But where the USA failed in the Winter Olympics it made up for in the Summer Games in Seoul, South Korea. The US dominated the track events but failed to bring home the gold medal in basketball. Many

blamed the loss on the coach, John Thompson of Georgetown, who trailing the A's 4-3 in the bottom of the ninth with one man on base, Dodger Kirk Gibson, like Roy Hobbs in "The Natural" stepped to the plate with a 3-2 count and slapped the ball out of the park.

Made his players fit into too-specialized roles. A Korean boxer sat in the ring for over an hour to protest the

actions of his coach and countrymen, who attacked the referee, when he lost.

However, the Olympics weren't all that happened. Steffi Graf won the Grand Slam of tennis, becoming only the fifth person to ever do so, the Olympic gold medal and almost everything else. She's only 19 years old. Although Orel Hershiser was Sports Illustrated's Man of the Year, I believe that award Graf should have won the female derivative of it.

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But great things happened at NC, also. Both the boys' and girls' tennis teams won state titles. Stephanie Reece led the girls' team and also took the state single crown. The guys' beat Carmel 4-1 in sectionals, then defeated Culver and Marion for the championship trophy.

Oh yeah. I almost forgot to include this. Notre Dame is number one.

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1. To get my very own set of bowling shoes

2. To never feel sorry for geeky guys who ask me out

3. To accelerate my Pinto up to 35 mph.

4. To scream the senior chant at the top of my lungs in Burger King as often as possible

5. To steal my parents' charge card, charge to the limit, and not feel guilty

6. To learn the meaning of guilt

7. To dribble the soccer ball on my knees 4000 times without messing up

8. To learn how to boil water

9. To sacrifice Ms. Yingling to the gods

10. To lose all of the weight that I gained during vacation

11. To get more sleep

12. To pour a case of lime jello mix in the YMCA swimming pool

13. To have better developed "pecs"

14. To rub the above's better developed "pecs"

15. To see how many kittens fit into a blender

16. To get my nose pierced

17. To use the word "membrane" as often as possible in conversation

18. To save the whales

19. To stop pressing the SNOOZE button on my alarm clock

20. To park in the front row every day

21. To memorize all of Shakespeare's plays

22. To figure out what Christie Brinkley sees in Billy Joel

23. To overcome my inferiority complex

24. To forget everything I ever learned in high school-it is not that important anyway

25. To stop my consumption of any alcoholic beverage until next weekend at least

26. To skip classes for at least ten days next semester and not give a _ _ _ (expletive deleted)

27. To get less sleep

28. To be the only one in Indiana who doesn't go to Florida for spring break

29. To listen to the Daily Announcements

30. To leave a tip for the lunch ladies to take up my tray

31. To find "The Meaning of Life" and see if they have it on Beta

32. To rent a blimp and sky-write "Mister Sams is my hero"

33. To get really drunk, shave my head, paint Mikhail Gorbachev's birthmark on my forehead, and run around Broad Ripple yelling "Perestroika! Perestroika!"

34. To buy a big pick-up truck with bull horns on the front and ram into anyone who doesn't use their turn signals

35. To stop drinking...carbonated drinks

36. To quit dippin'

37. To expand my horizons (sorry for the cliche. It shows weak writing style, or so I'm told.)

38. To read *The Northern Lights*

39. To get accepted to a college...any college

40. To use my life savings to buy a motorcycle and ride it off into the sunset

41. To learn "Louie, Louie" on the mandolin

42. To exhum the body of Roy Orbison and prop him up in my room

43. To become "funky-fresh," both physically and mentally

44. To get the Mini in ten minutes less than last year(93.42?)

45. To exhume the body of Roy Orbison and prop him up in my room

46. To get the true identity of Barney

47. To get into tip-top physical shape

48. To sacrifice Herb to the gods

49. To look good in a bathing suit

50. To discover the true identity of Barney

51. To get a job by the end of February

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53. To hug my mom at least once a month

54. To stop watching cartoons before I turn eighteen

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56. To stop kicking my younger brother

57. To find an alarm clock that is loud enough to wake me up

58. To never make any more New Year's Resolutions

